Code of Conduct for candidates participating in election

798. SHRI DIPEN KHOSH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any code of conduct for candidates participating in elections has been evolved;

(b) if so, whether Goverment are considering to initiate a debate on the code before acceptance of the same;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons for not putting the code for a public debate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir. The Election Commission evolved a Model Code of Conduct for the Guidance of Political Parties and Candidates in 1984 on the basis of a consensus reached among political parties. The Code is morally binding on all the parties and candidates and has had a salutary effect on the electoral process.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Since the Code has been evolved by the Election Commission on the basis of a consensus among political parties, it is not considered necessary to initiate another debate at this take.

Code of Conduct for fair elections

799. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Election Commission has evolved a model code of conduct for the guidance of political parties and candidates participating in elections;

(b) if so, whether Government have or going to accept the said code;

(c) if not, whether Government have any alternate code to offer and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what are the reasons for not accepting the code of conduct as evolved by the Election Commission of a fair and impartial poll?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Model Code has been evolved by the Election Commission on the basis of a consensus reached among all the political parties. The Code is morally binding on all the political parties and the candidates and would also apply to the party in power.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Titagarh Paper Mills Co. Ltd, West Bengal

800. SHRI NIRAL CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum dated the 21st January, 1986 from Bengal Kagazkal Mazdoor Union (C.I.T.U.), 24 Parganas regarding taking over the management of Titagarh Paper Mills Company Limited, West Bengal;

(b) if so, what are the salient points raised by the Union in the said memorandum; and

(c) what is the reaticon of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the Memorandum referred to, Government has been requested to take steps to lift the loc out in No. 1 unit and for withdrawal of the notice of closure of No. 2 unit of Titagarh Paper Mills, active participation by Government in the management of the Company by reconstitution of the Board of Directors, and also take-over of the management of the Company.

(c) The financial institutions are engaged in working out the modalities for the revival and rehabilitation of the Company. The Central Government has no proposal under consideration to take over the management of the Company under the Industries)Development and Regulation) Act.

M/s. Bisleri Beverages Private Ltd.

801. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the aswer to Unstarred Question 861 given in he Rajya Sabha on 25-11-1985 regarding the Balance-sheet of M/s. Bisleri Beverages Private Limited, Bombay, and state:

(a) whether a reply to a show-cause notice issued to the firm has been received by Government;

(b) if so what are the findings of Government in this respect; and

(c) in case no reply to the show-cause notice has been received so far, what action Government contemplate to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Company's reply to the show-cause notice has been examined by the Registrar of Companies, Ahmedabad, and after due consideration of the explanation given by the company, Registrar of Companies, Ahmedabad has not considered it fit to take penal action in the matter against the company.

(c) Does not arise.

Permanent Registration Number to M/s. Bisleri (India) Private Ltd., Bombay

802. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s. Bisleri (India) Private Ltd., Bombay have been granted permanent Registration Number by the concerned Director of Industries;

(b) if so, whether their capacity has been assessed by the Director of Industries or any other authority concerned;

(c) if not, the reason for which their capacity has not been assessed till now; and

(d) whether the company can, under the existing circumstances, manufacture unlimited quantities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) M/s. Bisleri (India) Private Limited were registered as a small scale unit by the Director of Industries, Maharashtra in 1971. No capacity has been fixed for this unit under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 as it was a small scale unit. The Government of Maharashtra have since intimated that the unit has discontinued product and has surrendered the registration.

803. [*Withdrawn.*]

804. [*Withdrawn.*]

Demand of watches

805. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the annual demand of watches in the country at present;

(b) whether the existing rate of production of watches is sufficient to meet the domestic demand;

(c) if not, the steps taken by Government to increase the production of watches; and